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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, all the schemes are done under the auspices of the National Extension Service."

* 896 *Q.*—Please see page 283.

Assignment of poramboke lands to political sufferers in Talainayar, Tanjore district.

* 897 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri S. Vadivelu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of poramboke land in the Talainayar range in Tiruturaipundi taluk of Tanjore district that was available for cultivation in the year 1947 ;

(*b*) the extent of lands given for cultivation to Harijans;

(*c*) the number of Harijans to whom lands were so given; and

(*d*) whether any part of the lands referred to in (*a*) has been utilized for any other purpose or given to any other person or political sufferer?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" (*a*) 1,750·75 acres.
" (*b*) Nil.
" (*c*) Does not arise.
" (*d*) An extent of 11·96 acres was assigned to three political sufferers and an extent of 2·91 acres was assigned to a person who was not a Harijan."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஒரு ஆயிரத்திற்கு மேற்பட்ட புறம்போக்கு நிலங்கள் சாகுபடிக்குத் தயாராக இருப்பதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். அதிலே 11 எக்கர் தியாகிகளுக்கும், வேறு சிலருக்கும் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதாகச் சொல்லுகிறார். இதுபோக பாக்கி இருக்கக்கூடிய ஒரு ஆயிரம் நிலங்களை சாகுபடிக்குக் கொண்டுவருவதற்கு சர்க்காரிடம் ஏதாவது திட்டம் இருக்கிறதா, அல்லது அதுபற்றி யோசித்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration and we expect a report from the Engineer concerned. The difficulty there is that saline water gets into the land."

SRI C. KANDASAMI :—" இதுவரையில் இந்த நிலங்களுக்கு ஹரிஜனங்கள் மனுப் போட்டிருக்கிறார்களா ? மனுப் போட்டும் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லையா ? அல்லது மனுப் போட்டவர்களுக்கு நிராகரிக்கப்பட்டதா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" I want notice, Sir."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" The Hon. Minister, I suppose, gave the answer that three political sufferers were assigned lands. Sir, is it the new policy of the new Cabinet to assign lands to political prisoners again? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"This is not a new policy. I may inform the hon. Member that his friends of the Socialist Party also are getting lands."

DR. K. B. MENON :—"I do not know what the Socialist Party has to do with it. I have asked a general question and the Hon. Minister should answer it in a general way without referring to the political parties involved."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"Because the hon. Member seemed to be very much interested, I said that his friends were also getting the lands there."

Dispute between the management and the workers of the Themmalapuram Bus Transport, Palghat.

* 898 *Q.*—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recently received any representation regarding the dispute between the management and the workers of the Themmalapuram Bus Transport, Palghat, Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"(*a*) The Government have not received any representation, Sir. The Labour Officer, however, received a representation on 24th November 1953 requesting that (1) the service of the workers under the Themmalapuram Bus Transport should be recognized, and (2) that there should be no reduction in salary and other benefits enjoyed by the present workers. The Labour Officer contacted the Managing Director of the company who assured him that the workers would have no break in service or reduction in salary because of the new set up. The Labour Officer has also informed the Union about this.

"(*b*) Does not arise."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—"மோட்டார் தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு சட்டப்படி கொடுக்கவேண்டிய குறைந்த அளவு கூலி (minimum wages) T. B. T. மோட்டார் தொழிலாளர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை. இதற்கு ஏதாவது சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்போகிறதா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"Sir, that is a different question. I would like to have notice."

SRI O. KORAN :—"Sir, is it a fact that many of the workers in this Bus Transport are engaged on daily wages and so they are denied bonus, and if so, will the Government insist upon the management to pay bonus to such workers also?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"Sir, if the workers themselves or their union makes a representation to that effect, the Labour Officer will look into the matter."